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PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION USAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

Meeting Dates: [October 21, 2009](#)

Purpose. *This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.*

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION USAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

October 21, 2009

Co-chairperson: Senator Amanda Ragan

Co-chairperson: Representative Beth Wessel-Kroeschell

Background. The Prescription Medication Usage Study Committee was established by the Legislative Council to identify strategies and solutions to address problems arising from inappropriate medication use in the health care system. The Study Committee was authorized one meeting day and directed to invite testimony from representatives of various interest groups.

Presentation by State Representative Sharon Angelin Treat, Maine, Executive Director, National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices. Representative Treat provided testimony on policy options for states to address cost, quality, and access issues relating to prescription drugs. She discussed a number of topic areas including: pricing provisions, price disclosure, 340B initiatives, promoting generics, Medicare Part D, insuring transparency and accountability, communicating effectiveness and safety evidence to health providers, advertising and marketing, the False Claims Act, and trade issues.

Medication Therapy Management. A panel of individuals representing the Pharmacy Association, the Iowa Medical Society, the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Society, and Outcomes Pharmaceutical Health Care discussed medication therapy management, a range of services provided to patients to optimize therapeutic outcomes and detect and prevent costly medication programs. The Pharmacy Association submitted a proposal for legislation on Medication Therapy Management. The Study Committee directed all interested parties to review and comment on the legislation.

Testimony from Interested Parties. In addition to the interested parties involved in the discussion on medication therapy management, others submitting written testimony or speaking before the Study Committee included: the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, the Iowa Retail Federation, Walgreens, the Health Policy Corporation of Iowa/Iowa Health Buyers Alliance, the Iowa Nurses Association, the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Federation of Iowa Insurers. All written testimony may be found at the Study Committee website: www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=488

Discussion. The Study Committee determined that, given the large amount of information submitted, the Study Committee should schedule an additional meeting prior to the commencement of the 2010 Legislative Session to make recommendations for drafting of legislation.

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